

REMARKS

Claims 1-49 are pending after this amendment.

In the Office Action dated September 7, 2005, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 requiring election of single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits.


On September 26, 2005, Applicants' representative Amir H. Raubvogel had a telephone conversation with the Examiner. The Examiner agreed that the restriction requirement was improper, and agreed to withdraw it. The Examiner further stated that it is not necessary for Applicants to provisionally elect a species in response to the Office Action.

On the basis of the above amendments, consideration of this application and the early allowance of all claims herein are requested.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss the above amendments and remarks, or if the Examiner believes that for any reason direct contact with Applicants' representative would help to advance the prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,
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